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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER LYNCH REPORTS ON HIS U.S. TRIP

1. IN THE IRISH DAIL (PARLIAMENT) YESTERDAY PRIME MINISTER LYNCH REPORTED ON HIS RECENT U.S. TRIP. LEAVING ASIDE COMMENTS ON THE UNSSOD (USUN 2169) WHICH LYNCH DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH AND WHICH WERE WARMLY RECEIVED BY THE LEADERS OF THE TWO OPPOSITION PARTIES, THE PRIME MINISTER RECOUNTED HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. BUSINESSMEN AND IRISH-AMERICAN LEADERS.

2. CONCERNING HIS DISCUSSION WITH BUSINESS LEADERS LYNCH REPORTED THAT HE HAD EXPLAINED ECONOMIC ADVANCES IN IRELAND IN RECENT YEARS, STRESSED THE SUCCESS IRELAND WAS HAVING IN REDUCING INFLATION AND REEMPHASIZED THE ADVANTAGES OF INVESTMENT HERE. HE POINTED OUT THAT AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN IRELAND NOW REPRESENTED OVER 50 PERCENT OF ALL INVESTMENT FROM ABROAD AND THAT ABOUT 15 - 20 PERCENT OF INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT IN IRELAND WAS AS A RESULT OF THIS INVESTMENT. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN WARMLY RECEIVED BY POTENTIAL INVESTORS, BUT STRESSED THAT THE RESULT OF THE VISIT WOULD NOT COME AS "SPECTACULAR ANNOUNCEMENTS IMMEDIATELY," BUT RATHER IN NEW INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR
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3. ON NORTHERN IRELAND LYNCH SAID HE PUT HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THE SITUATION BEFORE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE STRESSING THE DANGERS OF ANY MOVEMENT TOWARD FURTHER INTEGRATION WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE NECESSITY FOR A NEW POLITICAL INITIATIVE AS A COUNTER TO TERRORISM.

HE HAD ALSO EMPHASIZED IRELAND'S INTEREST IN DISCUSSION
AND COOPERATION WITH THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND.
HE PRONOUNCED HIMSELF FULLY SATISFIED WITH HIS DISCUS-
SIONS WITH IRISH-AMERICAN POLITICAL LEADERS

4. COMMENT: IN A MOMENT OF PARILAMENTARY SOLIDARITY
FINE GAEL LEADER GARRET FITZGERALD AND LABOR PARTY
FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN BARRY DESMOND APPLAUDED AND
SUPPORTED THE PRIME MINISTER'S EFFORTS IN THE U.S.
FITZGERALD TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONDEMN A NEWSPAPER
ARTICLE (SEPTEL) THAT SUGGESTED THE MORE LYNCH SPOKE
OUT AGAINST THE "AD HOC COMMITTEE" IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES THE MORE IT GROWS IN NUMBERS. FITZGERALD
ALSO COULD NOT RESIST THE BACKHANDED COMPLIMENT OF
SUPPORTING THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENTS AND HOPES
THAT INDUSTRIAL CONTACTS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL "DESPITE
THE DETERIORATION AND UNCERTAINTY CAUSED BY THE MIS-
HANDLING BY SOME OF HIS MINISTERS" OF RECENT INDUSTRIAL
DISPUTES. SHANNON

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